## STATE OF UTAH GENERAL OUTLOOK Jan 1, 2004

## **SUMMARY**

Water year 2004 has been fantastic so far! All areas of the state except the Escalante currently have snowpacks that are above average, perhaps a little light at the end of a long tunnel. There is still more than 50% of the snowpack accumulation season remaining and any outcome is still possible, but having 1.5 to 2 times the snowpack that Utah had last January is certainly a great start. Snowpack is the driving mechanism to Utah's water supply and the state needs a much greater than normal snowpack year to begin the repair of other drought induced water supply problems such as low reservoir storage, soil moisture and aquifer levels. In many areas, multiple above average snowpack years will be needed to fill reservoirs and aguifers. A case in point is the Bear River watershed: recent USGS streamflow data at the Utah/Wyoming Stateline gage showed 40 second feet while at the Woodruff gage many miles downstream, the flow was only 20 second feet. This indicates a losing stream-reach – water going from the river to recharge soil moisture and aquifer levels. Last year, observed Bear Lake inflow was only 8,000 acre feet, while at the Stateline gage, there was 83,000 acre-feet of water, 10 times more than at the downstream location – essentially a river in reverse. These conditions are not just affecting the Bear River, but other major river systems in Utah as well and could persist until aquifer levels are restored. Snowpacks in northern Utah range from 111% to 135% of average and in southern Utah, from 80% to 120% of normal. Given average snowpack accumulation between now and April 1, the state will have about 109% of average, given maximum accumulation – 170% of average and given minimum accumulation, at 79% of average snowpack. Precipitation for December was much above average state wide, ranging from 126% to 171% of average, bringing seasonal precipitation, (Oct-Dec) to 106%. Soil moisture deficits in runoff producing areas across the state range from 6 to 9 inches in the upper 2 feet of soil – similar to deficits of last year. Streamflow forecasts are scattered across the spectrum, ranging from 19% to 129% of average. Reservoir storage in 41 major reservoirs across the state is at 38% of capacity, down 9% from last year which is about 481,000 acre feet. 481 KAF is roughly 80,000 acre feet more water than the entire Sevier River reservoir storage capacity. Reservoir storage is down 1,557,000 acre feet (29%) from 2001 levels, reflecting the persistent nature of this drought. Surface Water Supply Indexes range from 2% on the Bear River to 73% over the western part of the Uintah Basin.

#### **SNOWPACK**

January first snowpacks as measured by the NRCS SNOTEL system range from 107% in southern Utah to 135% on the Utah Lake watershed. The lowest snowpacks are on the Escalante at 80% of average. This is the best January 1 snowpack on every watershed statewide since 1997. There is still some concern about lower elevation snowpacks in southern Utah. Statewide, snowpacks are at 123% of average, a welcome respite from years of below normal conditions.

## **PRECIPITATION**

Mountain precipitation during December was much above average (147%) statewide. In northern Utah precipitation ranged from 126% on the Bear to 155% on the Provo. Southern Utah had precipitation values ranging from 149% in the southeast to 171% over the Sevier watershed. This brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Dec) to 106% of average statewide.

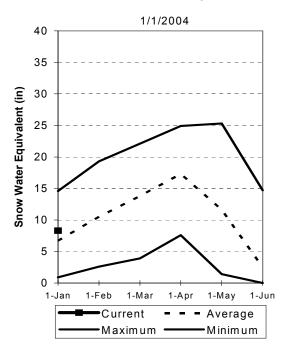
#### **RESERVOIRS**

Storage in 41 of Utah's key irrigation reservoirs is at 38% of capacity. This is down substantially from last year indicating heavy use of reservoir storage to make up the streamflow deficit. Most reservoir operators are utilizing a conservative strategy, storing as much water as possible.

#### **STREAMFLOW**

Snowmelt streamflows are expected to be much below to near average across the entire state of Utah this year. Forecast streamflows range from 19% on the Bear at Stewart dam to 129% on Wheeler Creek. Most flows are forecast to be in the 80% to 100% range. Overall water supply conditions are below to near normal.

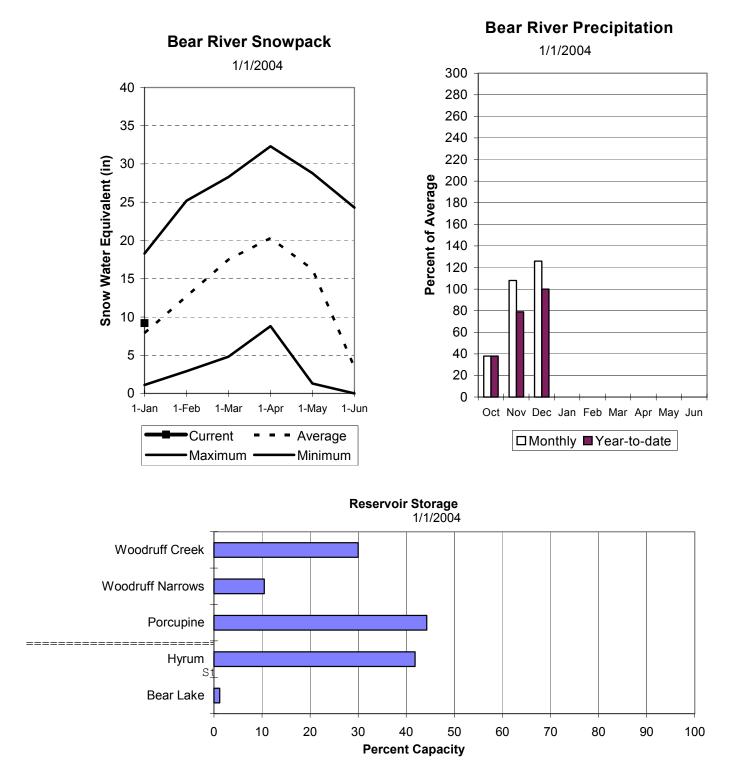
## Mountain Snowpack



## Precipitation 1/1/2004 300 280 260 240 220 200 Percent of Average 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun □Monthly ■Year-to-date

## Bear River Basin Jan 1, 2004

Snowpacks on the Bear River Basin are above average at 116% of normal, about 152% of last year. Specific sites range from 92% to 163% of normal. December precipitation was above average at 126%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Dec) to 100% of average. Soil moisture levels in runoff producing areas indicate about 7 inches of deficit in the upper 2 feet of soil. Forecast streamflows are for much below normal (19%) to near normal volumes (100%) this spring. Reservoir storage is extremely low at 2% of capacity. The Surface Water Supply Index is at 2% for the Bear River, or 98% of years have had more total water available. Water supply conditions are much below normal due to low reservoir storage and soil moisture.



	<=== Dr 	rier === 1	Future Co	nditions	=== Wett	er ===>   	
Forecast Pt		C	hance of E	xceeding	* =====		
Forecast	90%	70%	50% (Mos	t Prob)	30%	10%	30 Yr Avg
		•	(1000AF)		•	(1000AF)	(1000AF)
Bear River nr UT-WY State Line							
APR-JUL	64	87	103	91	119	142	113
Bear River ab	Reservoi	r nr Wood	ruff				
APR-JUL	21	58	83	61	108	145	136
Big Creek nr	Randolph						
APR-JUL	0.42	1.90	2.90	59	3.90	5.40	4.90
Smiths Fork r	nr Border						
APR-JUL	52	74	89	86	104	126	103
Bear River at	t Stewart	Dam					
APR-JUL	7.0	25	43	19	66	110	227
Little Bear F	River at P	Paradise					
APR-JUL	23	36	46	100	58	77	46
Logan River r	nr Logan c	combined f	low				
APR-JUL	67	94	115	91	138	176	126
Blacksmith Fo	ork nr Hyr	rum					
APR-JUL	23	35	44	92	54	72	48

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#### BEAR RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000AF) End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	******** This Year	Usable Storage Last Year	******* Average
BEAR LAKE	1302.0	15.7	352.0	
HYRUM	15.3	6.4	6.0	10.2
PORCUPINE	11.3	5.0	5.4	3.9
WOODRUFF NARROWS	57.3	6.0	7.0	23.6
WOODRUFF CREEK	4.0	1.2	2.5	

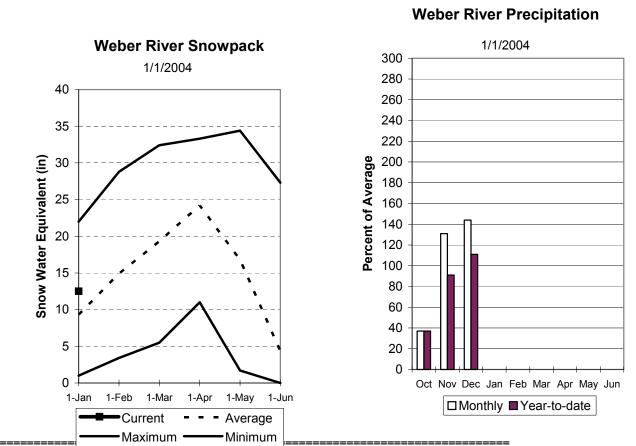
# BEAR RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2004

	Number of This Year as		Percent of
Watershed	Data Sites	Last Year	Average
BEAR RIVER, UPPER (abv Harer	6	138	104
BEAR RIVER, LOWER (blw Harer	8	157	125
LOGAN RIVER	4	157	122
RAFT RIVER	1	175	124

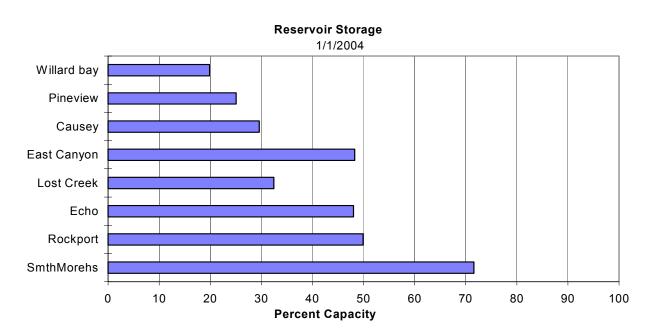
BEAR RIVER BASIN 

## Weber and Ogden River Basins Jan 1, 2004

Snowpack on the Weber and Ogden Watersheds is much above normal at 134% of average, about 175% of last year. Individual sites range from 98% to 215% of average. December precipitation was above average at 144% bringing the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Dec) to 111% of average. Soil moisture levels in runoff producing areas indicate about 7 inches of deficit in the upper 2 feet of soil. Streamflow forecasts range from 80% to 130% of average. Reservoir storage is at 32% of capacity, about 10% less (57,000 AF) than last year. Surface Water Supply Index is at 24% for the Weber River and at 33% for the Ogden River. Overall water supply conditions are below normal due to low reservoir storage and soil moisture conditions.



WEBER & OGDEN WATERSHEDS in Utah



	<=== Drier === Future Conditions === Wetter ===>					   	
Forecast Pt Forecast	90%	70%	Chance of E   50% (Mos ) (1000AF)	st Prob)	30%	10%	30 Yr Avg
Period							
Smith & Morel							
APR-JUL	18.0	24	29	85	34	40	34
Weber River	nr Oakley						
APR-JUL	65	90	106	86	122	147	123
Rockport Rese	ervoir inf	flow					
APR-JUL	56	88	110	82	132	164	134
Weber River	nr Coalvil	lle					
APR-JUL	55	89	112	82	135	169	137
Chalk Creek a	at Coalvil	lle					
APR-JUL	13.0	27	36	80	45	59	45
Echo Reservo	ir inflow						
APR-JUL	77	117	145	81	173	212	179
Lost Creek Re	eservoir i	inflow					
APR-JUL	6.3	11.0	15.0	85	19.6	28	17.6
East Canyon I	Reservoir	inflow					
APR-JUL	19.7	28	34	110	41	52	31
Weber River a	at Gateway	7					
APR-JUL	187	269	325	92	380	465	355
SF Ogden Rive	er nr Hunt	tsville					
APR-JUL	39	57	69	108	81	99	64
Pineview Rese	ervoir in	flow					
APR-JUL	81	114	137	103	160	193	133
Wheeler Creel	k nr Hunts	sville					
APR-JUL	5.10	6.90	8.10	129	9.30	11.10	6.30

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WEBER & OGDEN WATERSHEDS in Utah Reservoir Storage (1000AF) End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	******** This Year	Usable Storage Last Year	******* Average
CAUSEY	7.1	2.1	2.0	2.8
EAST CANYON	49.5	23.9	27.7	34.9
ECHO	73.9	35.5	30.0	47.9
LOST CREEK	22.5	1.3	6.2	14.1
PINEVIEW	110.1	27.6	23.2	52.9
ROCKPORT	60.9	30.4	30.3	36.2
WILLARD BAY	215.0	42.7	101.4	147.7

WEBER & OGDEN WATERSHEDS in Utah Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2004

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Watershed	Number of	This Year as Pe	ercent of
	Data Sites	Last Year	Average
OGDEN RIVER WEBER RIVER	4	177	140
	9	181	130
WEBER & OGDEN WATERSHEDS in	13	180	134

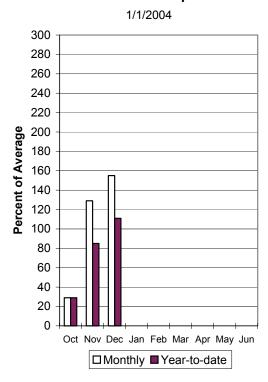
## Utah Lake, Jordan River & Tooele Valley Basins Jan 1, 2004

Snowpacks over these watersheds are at 135% of average, 206% of last year. The upper Provo area is at 123% of average. Individual sites range from 102% to 202% of average. December precipitation was much above average at 155%, bringing the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Dec) to 111% of average. Soil moisture levels in runoff producing areas indicate about 6.5 inches of deficit in the upper 2 feet of soil. Forecast streamflows range from 80% to 124% of average. Reservoir storage is at 61% of capacity, 5% less than last year. The Surface Water Supply Index is at 19%, or 81% of years would have more total water available. General water supply conditions are below normal due to low reservoir storage and soil moisture.

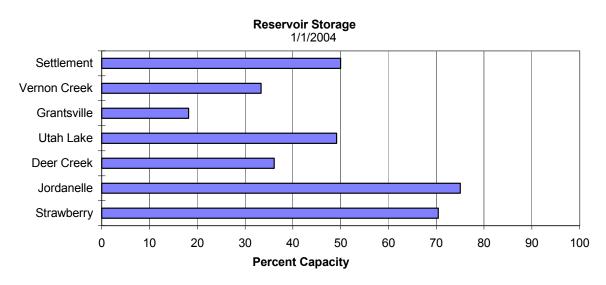
## **Provo River Snowpack**

## 1/1/2004 40 35 Snow Water Equivalent (in) 30 25 20 15 10 5 0 1-Feb 1-Mar 1-May 1-Jan Average Current Maximum Minimum

#### **Provo River Precipitation**



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# UTAH LAKE, JORDAN RIVER & TOOELE VALLEY Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2004

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Forecast Pt   ======= Chance of Excee	ding * ======	•	
Forecast   90% 70%   50% (Most Pr	ob)   30%	10%	30 Yr Avg
Period  (1000AF) (1000AF) (1000AF) (% A	VG.)   (1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)
Spanish Fork River nr Castilla			
<del>-</del>	09 108	132	77
Provo River nr Woodland			
APR-JUL 44 72 86	84 100	128	103
Provo River nr Hailstone			
	80 104	138	109
Provo R blw Deer Creek Dam			100
APR-JUL 30 80 107	85 134	184	126
American Fk R nr American Fk			
APR-JUL 19.8 31 37 1	16 43	54	32
Utah Lake inflow	05 416	F.0.F	205
APR-JUL 146 264 340 1	05 416	535	325
Little Cottonwood Ck nr SLC			
APR-JUL 30 40 45 1	13 50	56	40
Big Cottonwood Ck nr SLC APR-JUL 24 36 41 1	08 46	EO	38
APR-JUL 24 36 41 1	06 46	52	36
Mill Creek nr SLC			
APR-JUL 4.10 6.37 7.50 1	07 8.63	10.90	7.00
Paulaula Guark au GIG			
Parley's Creek nr SLC APR-JUL 7.8 17.5 18.0 1	08 18.5	28	16.7
MR 001 7.0 17.3 10.0 1	10.5	20	10.7
Dell Fork nr SLC			
APR-JUL 2.80 5.48 7.30 1	07 9.12	11.90	6.80
Emigration Crook on CIC			
Emigration Creek nr SLC APR-JUL 1.03 3.35 4.80 1	07 6.25	8.60	4.50
MR 001 1.03 3.33 4.00 1	0.23	0.00	4.50
City Creek nr SLC			
APR-JUL 4.90 8.02 9.80 1	13 11.58	14.50	8.70
Vernon Creek nr Vernon			
	91 1.78	2.66	1.48
Settlement Creek nr Tooele			
APR-JUL 1.19 1.64 2.00 1	02 2.41	3.11	1.97
South Willow Creek nr Grantsville			
	24 4.70	5.80	3.23

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Reservoir	Usable Capacity	******** This Year	Last Year	******* Average
DEER CREEK	149.7	54.0	71.9	102.0
GRANTSVILLE	3.3	0.6	1.1	1.6
SETTLEMENT CREEK	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.5
STRAWBERRY-ENLARGED	1105.9	778.9	814.0	640.0
UTAH LAKE	870.9	428.1	497.2	756.5
VERNON CREEK	0.6	0.2	0.4	

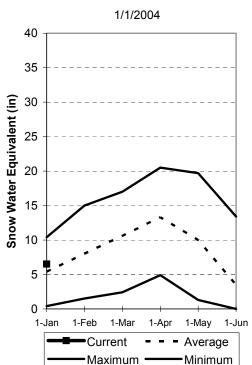
# UTAH LAKE, JORDAN RIVER & TOOELE VALLEY Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2004

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as : Last Year	Percent of Average
PROVO RIVER & UTAH LAKE	7	185	122
PROVO RIVER	4	196	123
JORDAN RIVER & GREAT SALT LA	6	224	136
TOOELE VALLEY WATERSHEDS AND	3	247	161
UTAH LAKE, JORDAN RIVER & TO	16	210	134

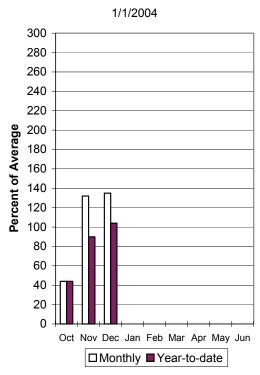
## Uintah Basin and Dagget SCD's Jan 1, 2004

Snowpacks across the Uintah Basin and North Slope areas are above average at 121%, which is 163% of last year. The North Slope ranges from 85% to 126% and the Uintah Basin ranges from 99% to 152% of average. Precipitation during December was much above average at 135% bringing the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Dec) to 104% of average. Soil moisture levels in runoff producing areas indicate about 7 inches of deficit in the upper 2 feet of soil. Reservoir storage is at 69% of capacity, 3% less than last year. The Surface Water Supply Index for the western area is 73% and for the eastern area it is 50% indicating average or better conditions. Springtime runoff conditions are near normal with the exception of soil moisture.

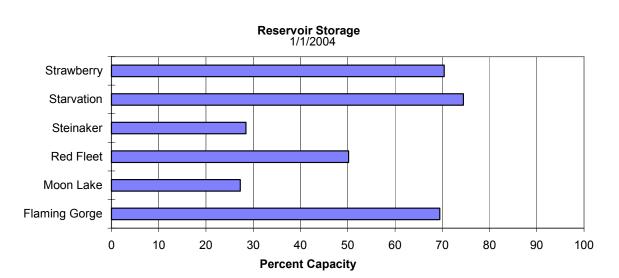
## **Uintahs Snowpack**



## **Uintahs Precipitation**



UINTAH BASIN & DAGGET SCD'S



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 Forecast Pt   ========= Chance of Exceeding * ==========							
Forecast							
Period	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)
Blacks Fork n							
APR-JUL	52	70	83	87	96	114	95
EF of Smiths 1							
APR-JUL	19.2	23	26	84	29	35	31
Flaming Gorge	Reservoi	r Inflow					
APR-JUL		760	930	78	1100	1360	1190
		_					
BIG BRUSH CK a	abv Red Fi 14.4		22	105	25	30	21
APR-JUL	14.4	10.9	22	105	25	30	21
Ashley Creek							
APR-JUL	32	46	55	106	64	78	52
tie buomeone b	II						
WF DUCHESNE R			23	96	28	37	24
mr ool	12.3	10.5	23	30	20	3,	23
DUCHESNE R nr	Tabiona						
APR-JUL	65	84	96	91	108	127	105
UPPER STILLWAT	י זיים ספינו	inflow					
APR-JUL		61	74	90	87	105	82
ROCK CK nr Mou							
APR-JUL	49	65	77	87	89	105	89
DUCHESNE R abv	v Knight 1	Diversion					
	88	130	158	84	184	229	188
STRAWBERRY RES				100	0.2	115	F.0
APR-JUL	28	48	64	109	83	115	59
CURRANT CREEK	RESV Inf	low					
APR-JUL	17.8	23	27	108	30	36	25
STARVATION RES	SERVOIR 1:	nilow 95	124	103	153	195	121
mr ool	33	33	124	103	133	133	121
Lake Fork Rive	er abv Mo	on Lake					
APR-JUL	39	52	61	90	70	83	68
Yellowstone Ri	iver or 7	ltonah					
APR-JUL	32	48	58	94	68	84	62
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DUCHESNE R at							
APR-JUL	87	163	215	83	265	345	260
Whiterocks Riv	ver nr Wh	iterocks					
APR-JUL	29	46	58	104	70	87	56
DUCHESNE R nr			070	00	270	E00	205
APR-JUL	20	169	270	83	370	520	325

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## Reservoir Storage (1000AF) End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	********* This Year	Usable Storage Last Year	****** Average
FLAMING GORGE	37 <b>4</b> 9.0	2605.0	2632.0	3027.0
MOON LAKE	49.5	13.5	17.0	26.1
RED FLEET	25.7	12.9	10.5	17.5
STEINAKER	33.4	9.5	5.5	20.0
STARVATION	165.3	123.1	119.5	128.6
STRAWBERRY-ENLARGED	1105.9	778.9	814.0	640.0

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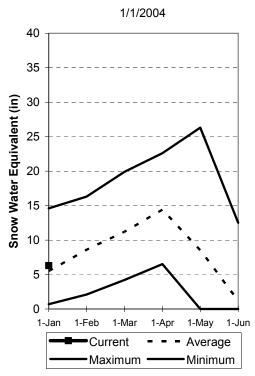
#### UINTAH BASIN & DAGGET SCD'S Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2004

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as P Last Year	ercent of Average
UPPER GREEN RIVER in UTAH (a	6	163	111
ASHLEY CREEK	2	205	136
BLACK'S FORK RIVER	2	124	91
SHEEP CREEK	1	255	97
DUCHESNE RIVER	11	163	124
LAKE FORK-YELLOWSTONE CREEKS	4	148	110
STRAWBERRY RIVER	4	182	140
UINTAH-WHITEROCKS RIVERS	2	166	130
UINTAH BASIN & DAGGET SCD'S	17	163	121

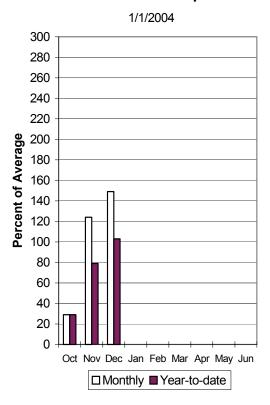
## Carbon, Emery, Wayne, Grand and San Juan Co. Jan 1, 2004

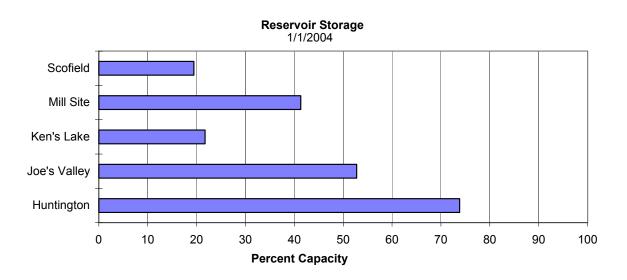
Snowpacks in this region are a little above normal at 114% of average, about 133% of last year. Individual sites range from 60% to 142% of average. Precipitation during December was much above average at 149%, bringing the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Dec) to 103% of normal. Soil moisture levels in runoff producing areas indicate about 7 inches of deficit in the upper 2 feet of soil. Forecast streamflows range from 88% to 114% of average. Reservoir storage is at 37% of capacity, up 7% from last year. Surface Water Supply Indexes for the area are: Price 32%, (below normal) San Rafael area 55% (average) and Moab 56% (average). General runoff and water supply conditions are below to near normal due to low reservoir storage and soil moisture.

## **Southeast Utah Snowpack**



## **Southeast Utah Precipitation**





#### CARBON, EMERY, WAYNE, GRAND, & SAN JUAN Co. Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2004

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Forecast Pt							
Forecast	90%	70%	50% (Mo	st Prob)	30%	10%	30 Yr Avg (1000AF)
Period	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)
Gooseberry C	reek nr Sc	entield			======		
APR-JUL		9.5	11.8	99	14.1	17.5	11.9
Scofield Rese	ervoir inf	low					
APR-JUL	29	39	46	100	53	63	46
White River 1	blw Tabbyu	ne Creek					
APR-JUL	8.3	13.8	18.3	105	24	32	17.4
Green River	at Green R	iver, UT					
APR-JUL	1490	2270	2800	88	3330	4110	3170
Electric Lake	e inflow						
APR-JUL	6.5	10.7	14.4	92	18.8	27	15.7
HUNTINGTON C	K nr Hunti	ngton					
APR-JUL	25	38	47	94	56	69	50
JOE'S VALLEY	RESV Infl	.ow					
APR-JUL	29	45	56	97	67	83	58
Ferron Creek	nr Ferron	L					
APR-JUL	23	31	38	97	45	58	39
Colorado Rive	er nr Cisc	:0					
APR-JUL	2190	3240	4000	86	4760	5810	4650
Mill Creek a	t Shelev T	unnel nr M	<b>l</b> oab				
APR-JUL	_	4.50	6.00	120	7.50	9.80	5.00
Seven Mile C	reek nr Fi	sh Lake					
APR-JUL	4.10	6.40	8.00	114	9.60	11.90	7.00
Muddy Creek	nr Emery						
APR-JUL	10.0	16.6	21	106	25	32	19.9
North Ck ab 1	R.S. nr Mo	nticello					
MAR-JUL	0.11	0.22	1.03	76	2.44	5.61	1.35
South Ck ab	Lloyd's Re	s nr Monti	.cello				
MAR-JUL	0.30	0.90	1.50	115	2.25	3.63	1.31
Recapture Ck	bl Johnso	n Ck nr Bl	anding				
MAR-JUL	1.52	3.00	5.50	90	8.00	11.60	6.10
San Juan Rive	er nr Bluf	f					
APR-JUL	870	1190	1400	114	1610	1930	1230

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CARBON, EMERY, WAYNE, GRAND, & SAN JUAN Co. Reservoir Storage (1000AF) End of December

Usable \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Usable Storage \*\*\*\*\*\*\*
Reservoir Capacity This Year Last Year Average

HUNTINGTON NORTH	4.2	3.1	1.0	2.4
JOE'S VALLEY	61.6	32.5	21.9	41.0
KEN'S LAKE	2.3	0.5	0.5	1.0
MILL SITE	16.7	6.9	8.5	75.0
SCOFIELD	65.8	12.8	13.6	32.7

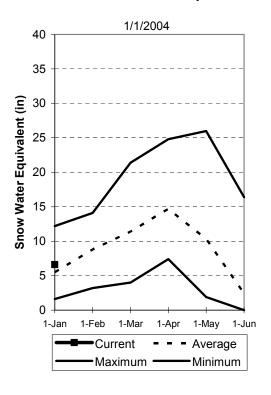
CARBON, EMERY, WAYNE, GRAND, & SAN JUAN Co.
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2004

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as Last Year	Average
PRICE RIVER	3	136	120
SAN RAFAEL RIVER	3	123	111
MUDDY CREEK	1	121	125
FREMONT RIVER	3	116	100
LASAL MOUNTAINS	1	176	128
BLUE MOUNTAINS	1	158	93
WILLOW CREEK	1	210	145
CARBON, EMERY, WAYNE, GRAND,	13	133	114

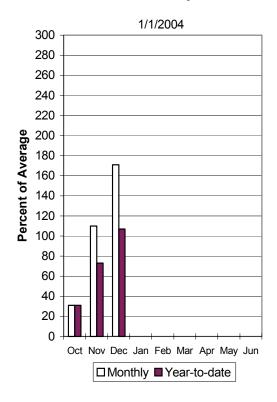
## Sevier and Beaver River Basins Jan 1, 2004

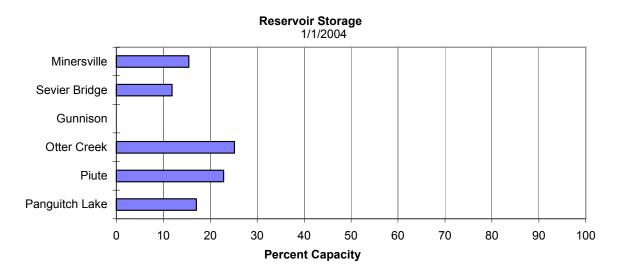
Snowpacks on the Sevier River Basin are above normal at 120% of average, about 157% of last year. Individual sites range from 99% to 189% of average. Precipitation during December was much above average at 171% of normal, bringing the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Dec) to 107% of average. Soil moisture levels in runoff producing areas indicate about 7 inches (Sevier) and 9 inches (Beaver) of deficit in the upper 2 feet of soil. Streamflow forecasts range from 36% to 111% of average. Reservoir storage is at 15% of capacity, 7% less than last year. Surface Water Supply Indexes are: Upper Sevier 39%, Lower Sevier 46% and Beaver 32%. Water supply conditions remain below normal due to low reservoir storage and soil moisture.

#### Sevier River Snowpack



#### **Sevier River Precipitation**





#### SEVIER & BEAVER RIVER BASINS Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2004

	<=== Dr	ier ===	Future Co	nditions	=== Wett	er ===>	
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Forecast Pt	•		Chance of E	_		•	
Forecast	•		50% (Mos				30 Yr Avg
Period	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)
Sevier River	at Hatch						
APR-JUL	25	47	63	115	80	101	55
				_			
Sevier River	nr Kingst	on					
APR-JUL	51	79	99	111	119	148	89
EF Sevier R							
APR-JUL	8.0	24	34	90	45	60	38
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Sevier R blw APR-JUL	Fiute Dam	95	126	100	157	195	126
APK-JUL	57	95	126	100	157	195	126
Clear Creek	nr Sevier						
APR-JUL	9.9	19.0	24	109	29	38	22
Sevier R nr (	Gunnison						
APR-JUL	62	196	280	100	364	495	280
Chicken Creel							
APR-JUL	1.51	3.03	4.50	100	6.38	9.99	4.50
Oak Creek nr							
APR-JUL	0.94	1.39	1.75	105	2.15	2.82	1.66
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Beaver River	nr Beaver	16.3	20	74	24	31	27
APK-UUL	11.0	10.3	20	/ 4	24	31	21
Minersville Reservoir inflow							
APR-JUL	0.7	3.3	6.0	36	9.6	16.4	16.6
	• • •				2.3		

<sup>\* 90%, 70%, 30%,</sup> and 10% chances of exceeding are the probabilities that the actual volume will exceed the volumes in the table.

The average is computed for the 1971-2000 base period.

- (1) The values listed under the 10% and 90% Chance of Exceeding are actually 5% and 95% exceedance levels.
- (2) The value is natural volume actual volume may be affected by upstream water management.

#### SEVIER & BEAVER RIVER BASINS Reservoir Storage (1000AF) End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	******** This Year	Usable Storage Last Year	******* Average
GUNNISON	20.3	0.0	0.6	10.9
MINERSVILLE (RkyFd)	23.3	3.6	3.5	12.7
OTTER CREEK	52.5	13.2	18.2	32.8
PIUTE	71.8	16.4	2.5	42.1
SEVIER BRIDGE	236.0	28.0	65.5	148.9
PANGUITCH LAKE	22.3	3.8	2.3	108.0

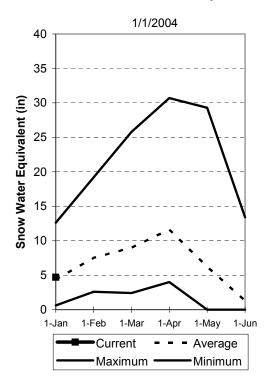
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2004

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as Last Year	Percent of Average
UPPER SEVIER RIVER (south of	8	172	126
EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER	3	150	117
SOUTH FORK SEVIER RIVER	5	189	131
LOWER SEVIER RIVER (includin	6	150	119
BEAVER RIVER	2	135	107
SEVIER & BEAVER RIVER BASINS	16	157	120

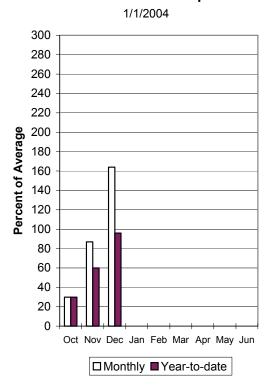
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Snowpacks in this region are near normal at 107% of average, about 158% of last year. Individual sites range from 10% to 132% of average. Precipitation was much above normal during December at 164% of average, bringing the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Dec) to 96% of normal. Soil moisture levels in runoff producing areas indicate about 7 inches of deficit in the upper 2 feet of soil. Forecast streamflows range from 84% to 102% of average. Reservoir storage is at 28% of capacity, 3% more than last year. The Surface Water Supply Index is at 57%, indicating near normal water availability. Concerns remain over low reservoir storage, soil moisture and snowpacks in the lower elevations.

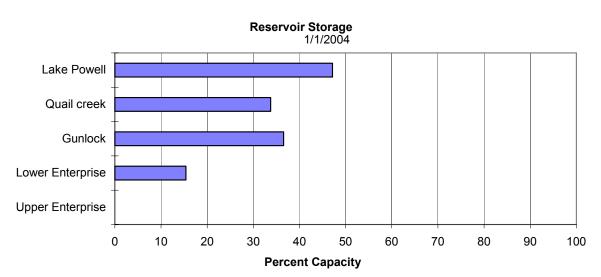
#### **Southwest Utah Snowpack**



## **Southwest Utah Precipitation**



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# E. GARFIELD, KANE, WASHINGTON, & IRON Co. Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2004

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10%   30 Yr Avg						
(1000AF)   (1000AF)						
10580 7930						
127 64						
22.						
105 69						
10.42 5.50						
Coal Creek nr Cedar City						
30 19.3						
23 13.3						

<sup>\* 90%, 70%, 30%,</sup> and 10% chances of exceeding are the probabilities that the actual volume will exceed the volumes in the table.

The average is computed for the 1971-2000 base period.

- (1) The values listed under the 10% and 90% Chance of Exceeding are actually 5% and 95% exceedance levels.
- (2) The value is natural volume actual volume may be affected by upstream water management.

E. GARFIELD, KANE, WASHINGTON, & IRON Co. Reservoir Storage (1000AF) End of December

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	******** This Year	Usable Storage Last Year	****** Average
GUNLOCK	10.4	3.8	3.3	5.7
LAKE POWELL	24322.0	11471.0	13788.0	
QUAIL CREEK	40.0	13.5	12.0	23.9
UPPER ENTERPRISE	10.0	0.0	0.0	
LOWER ENTERPRISE	2.6	0.4	0.4	26.7

E. GARFIELD, KANE, WASHINGTON, & IRON Co. Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2004

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as I Last Year	Percent of Average
VIRGIN RIVER	5	189	126
PAROWAN	2	184	126
ENTERPRISE TO NEW HARMONY DR	2	117	55
COAL CREEK	2	189	116
ESCALANTE RIVER	2	116	81
E. GARFIELD, KANE, WASHINGTO	9	158	107

UTAH SURFACE	WATER	SUPPLY	INDEX
Snow Surveys	NRCS	USDA	
Basin or Region	SWSI/%	Percentile	Years with
			Similar SWSI
Bear River	-3.98	2%	2003,93,92,91
Ogden River	-1.5	33%	91,68,70,66
Weber River	-2.2	24%	2001,91,87,94
Tooele Valley	NA		
Provo	-2.4	21%	56,55,64,2002
North Slope	NA		
West Uintah Basin	1.9	73%	96,86,01,2000
East Uintah Basin	0	50%	91,2001,97,85
Price River	-1.5	32%	98,62,93,94
San Rafael	.4	55%	2000,74,82,98
Moab	.5	56%	96,94,95,98
Upper Sevier River	9	39%	67,99,66,78
Lower Sevier River	4	46%	94,76,89,81
Beaver River	-1.5	32%	91,92,2001,65
Virgin River	.6	57%	94,2001,97,2000
Snow Surveys			SWSI Scale: -4 to 4
245 N Jimmy Doolittle Rd			Percentile: 0 - 100%
Salt Lake City, UT			
(801) 524-5213			

## SNOW COURSE DATA

JANUARY 2004

SNOW COURSE	ELEV.	DATE	SNOW	WATER	LAST	AVERAGE
			DEPTH	CONTENT	YEAR	71-00
AGUA CANYON SNOTEL	8900	1/01	20	3.0	1.4	2.9
ALTA CENTRAL	8800	12/31	80	20.0	10.4	
BEAVER DAMS SNOTEL	8000	1/01	-	4.3	5.0	4.3
BEAVER DIVIDE SNOTEL	8280	1/01	27	4.8	3.8	4.7
BEN LOMOND PK SNOTEL		1/01	92	23.6	12.5	14.5
BEN LOMOND TR SNOTEL		1/01	72	16.3	7.9	8.5
BEVAN'S CABIN	6450				-	4.2
BIG FLAT SNOTEL	10290	1/01	39	7.5	6.8	7.6
BIRCH CROSSING BLACK FLAT-U.M. CK S	8100	1/01	29	5.4	- 3.4	2.8 3.8
BLACK'S FORK GS-EF	9340	1/01	23	5.4	J. 4	3.3
BLACK'S FORK JUNCTN	8930				_	3.7
BOX CREEK SNOTEL	9800	1/01	34	7.3	4.7	5.3
BRIAN HEAD	10000	•			=	8.2
BRIGHTON SNOTEL	8750	1/01	51	11.2	5.8	10.9
BRIGHTON CABIN	8700	12/30	69	13.2	8.8	11.5
BROWN DUCK SNOTEL	10600	1/01	48	7.6	6.0	7.7
BRYCE CANYON	8000	1/04	15	2.8	-	2.1
BUCK FLAT SNOTEL	9800	1/01	38	8.6	7.8	7.2
BUCK PASTURE	9700				_	
BUCKBOARD FLAT BUG LAKE SNOTEL	9000 7950	1/01	46	9.2	- 6.7	5.4 8.3
BURT'S-MILLER RANCH		1/01	40	9.2	-	2.2
CAMP JACKSON SNOTEL	8600	1/01	26	5.2	3.3	5.6
CASCADE MOUNTAIN	7770	1/01	50	12.0	5.2	-
CASTLE VALLEY SNOTEL		1/01	34	6.4	3.1	4.9
CHALK CK #1 SNOTEL	9100	1/01	47	9.7	7.2	10.1
CHALK CK #2 SNOTEL	8200	1/01	30	6.9	5.2	6.7
CHALK CREEK #3	7500				-	3.5
CHEPETA SNOTEL	10300	1/01	-	6.8	4.0	6.0
CLAYTON SPRINGS SNTL		1/01	29	5.4	3.4	
CLEAR CK RIDG #1 SNT		1/01	40	9.3	5.9	7.7
CLEAR CK RIDG #2 SNT CORRAL	8000 8200	1/01	38	7.4	4.8	6.0 -
CURRANT CREEK SNOTEL		1/01	33	6.4	2.1	4.2
DANIELS-STRAWBERRY S		1/01	41	9.4	5.0	6.5
DILL'S CAMP SNOTEL	9200	1/01	35	6.9	5.7	5.5
DONKEY RESERVOIR SNO		1/01	18	2.4	3.2	4.0
DRY BREAD POND SNTL	8350	1/01	47	8.8	6.3	9.1
DRY FORK SNOTEL	7160	1/01	-	8.8	4.2	6.9
EAST WILLOW CREEK SN		1/01	24	4.2	2.0	2.9
FARMINGTON CN SNOTEL		1/01	95	23.8	11.4	
FARMINGTON CANYON L.		4 (04	40		-	10.4
FARNSWORTH LK SNOTEL FISH LAKE	9600 8700	1/01	43	8.9	5.1	8.0
FISH LAKE FIVE POINTS LAKE SNO		1/01	44	8.6	- 5.7	2.9 7.0
G.B.R.C. HEADQUARTER		1/01	77	0.0	-	7.0
G.B.R.C. MEADOWS					_	9.7
	7600				-	6.5
GEORGE CREEK	8840				-	_
GOOSEBERRY R.S.	8400				-	5.1
GOOSEBERRY R.S. SNTL			25	5.3	2.7	
HARDSCRABBLE SNOTEL		1/01	-	14.0	5.9	6.5
HARRIS FLAT SNOTEL	7700		14	3.3	2.0	2.5
HAYDEN FORK SNOTEL	9100	1/01	28	5.8	6.5	6.3
	10000 9500	1 /01	21	4 1	- 4.0	- 4.1
HEWINTA SNOTEL HICKERSON PARK SNTL		1/01 1/01	18	4.1 2.8	1.1	
HIDDEN SPRINGS		12/30	32	6.8	1.2	.2
HOBBLE CREEK SUMMIT		-, J •				6.1
HOLE-IN-ROCK SNOTEL		1/01	19	3.2	2.3	2.7
HORSE RIDGE SNOTEL	8260		53	10.3	8.2	9.3
HUNTINGTON-HORSESHOE					-	9.7
INDIAN CANYON SNOTEL		1/01	29	6.1	4.4	4.4
JOHNSON VALLEY	8850				=	2.7
JONES CORRAL G.S.	9720				-	-
KILFOIL CREEK	7300	10/01	4 5	0.4	- 1.5	5.5 5.1
KILLYON CANYON	6300	12/31	45	9.4	1.5	5.1

_	SNOW COURSE	ELEV.			WATER CONTENT		
	KIMBERLY MINE SNOTEL	9300					
	KING'S CABIN SNOTEL	8730	1/01	33	7.2	3.8	5.0
	KLONDIKE NARROWS	7400				_	7.5
	KOLOB SNOTEL LAKEFORK #1 SNOTEL LAKEFORK BASIN SNTL	9250	1/01	41	8.8	4.8	
	LAKEFORK #1 SNOTEL	10100	1/01	35	6.3	4.4	6.9 5.6
	LAKEFORK BASIN SNTL	10900	1/01	48	8.8	5.0	
	LAKEFORK MOUNTAIN #3	8400				_	2.8
	LAMBS CANYON	7400				5.3	7.4
	LASAL MOUNTAIN LOWER					_	3.8
	LASAL MOUNTAIN SNTL LILY LAKE SNOTEL	9850	1/01	32	6.0 5.6	3.4 4.8	4.7
	LILY LAKE SNOTEL	9050	1/01	25	5.6	4.8	
	LITTLE BEAR LOWER	6000				_	4.3
	LITTLE BEAR SNOTEL	6550	1/01	-	8.5	3.3	5.2
	LITTLE GRASSY SNOTEL LONG FLAT SNOTEL LONG VALLEY JCT. SNT LOOKOUT PEAK SNOTEL	6100	1/01	-	0.2	1.3	
	LONG FLAT SNOTEL	8000	1/01	-	2.5	1.0	
	LONG VALLEY JCT. SNT	7500	1/01	-	3.4	1.4	
	LOOKOUT PEAK SNOTEL	8200	1/01	-	18.0	8.8	
	LOST CREEK RESERVOIR	6130	- 10-				2.0
	LOUIS MEADOW SNOTEL	6700	1/01	69	14.7	5.5	
	MAMMOTH-COTTONWD SNT MERCHANT VALLEY SNTL	8800	1/01	34	9.0	8.2	
			1/01	32	6.4	3.5	
	MIDDLE CANYON MIDWAY VALLEY SNOTEL	7000	4 /04	4=		_	5.9
			1/01	47	11.1		
		6950	1 /01		13.7	3.6	8.3
	MILL-D NORTH SNOTEL	7400	1/01				10.3
	MILL-D SOUTH FORK	7400	12/31	48	11.7	6.0	
	MINING FORK SNOTEL MONTE CRISTO SNOTEL MOSBY MTN. SNOTEL	8000	1/01	46	11.1	5.3	
	MOODY MEN CHORES	8960	1/01	21	11.7		11.0
	MUSBI MIN. SNOTEL	9500 9500	1/01	38	7.6	4.7	
		9500 8600				_	9.9 5.3
	OAK CREEK	7760				_	-
	DANCHITTCH TAKE D C	8200				_	_
	PARLEY'S CANYON SNTL PARRISH CREEK SNOTEL PAYSON R.S. SNOTEL PICKLE KEG SNOTEL PINE CREEK SNOTEL	7500	1 /01	5.0	9.7	4.5	7 2
	DADDICH CDEEK CNOTEL	7740	1/01	70	9.7 17 Q	7.6	7.2
	PAYSON R S SNOTEL	8050	1/01	42	8 4	4.3	7 2
	PICKLE KEG SNOTEL	9600	1/01	35	7 4	6.0	6.2
	PINE CREEK SNOTEL	8800	1/01	-	11 0	3.5	8.8
	RED PINE RIDGE SNTL	9200	1/01	36	7 3	6.0	6.7
	REDDEN MINE LOWER		1,01	30	7.3	-	6.7
		7300				_	5.6
	ROCK CREEK SNOTEL	7900	1/01	_	4.8		3.7
	ROCKY BN-SETTLEMT SN	8900	1/01	51	11.6	5.3	10.0
	ROCKY BN-SETTLEMT SN SEELEY CREEK SNOTEL	10000	1/01	28	11.6 6.7	4.5	10.0 6.4
	SMITH MOREHOUSE SNTL		1/01	30	5.6	3.1	
	SNOWBIRD SNOTEL		1/01				
	SPIRIT LAKE	10300	•			_	5.5
	SQUAW SPRINGS	9300				_	3.2
	STEEL CREEK PARK SNO	10100	1/01	27	5.7	3.9	6.7
	STILLWATER CAMP	8550				_	3.9
	STRAWBERRY DIVIDE SN	8400	1/01	45	9.5	5.8	7.4
	SUSC RANCH	8200				_	2.8
	TALL POLES	8800				_	5.3
	TEMPLE FORK SNOTEL	7410	1/01	45	8.4	6.8	-
	THAYNES CANYON SNTL			50	11.0	6.6	9.0
	THISTLE FLAT	8500				_	_
	TIMBERLINE	9100				_	_
	TIMPANOGOS DIVIDE SN	8140	1/01	63	13.2	5.4	9.2
	TONY GROVE LK SNOTEL	8400	1/01	75	17.1	11.4	14.3
	TONY GROVE R.S.	6250				_	5.0
	TRIAL LAKE	9960				-	9.8
	TRIAL LAKE SNOTEL	9960	1/01	61	10.7	6.2	
	TROUT CREEK SNOTEL	9400	1/01	31	5.3	2.3	4.2
	UPPER JOES VALLEY	8900				-	4.1
	VERNON CREEK SNOTEL		1/01	39	8.7	2.1	4.0
	VIPONT	7670				=	_
	WEBSTER FLAT SNOTEL		1/01	27	6.3	2.8	6.0
	WHITE RIVER #1 SNTL		1/01	31	6.4	4.0	5.2
	WHITE RIVER #3	7400				-	3.5
	WIDTSOE #3 SNOTEL	9500	1/01	24	4.4	3.9	4.4
	WRIGLEY CREEK	9000				-	4.3
	YANKEE RESERVOIR	8700				-	3.7